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In re application of
Kazuhiko OHGA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/582,495 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1623

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: H. Reyes

Filed: June 27, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROGENATED ESTER, HYDROGENATING
CATALYST USED THEREFOR AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE CATALYST

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2001, in which Examiner set a one month period for response, making a response timely if filed before or on June 3, 2001.

Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-14 and 19-20, directed to an ester and a group of esters. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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